Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 05 JUL 2006

# Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 STATE 069684

61
ORIGIN EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 INR-07 NSAE-00 PA-02

USIA-15 PRS-01 SP-02 SAM-01 SS-15 NSC-05 /061 R

DRAFTED BY EUR/P:WJGEHRON:SS
APPROVED BY EUR/P:FSEIDNER
EUR/IB - MR. KELLY
S/PRS - MR. FUNSETH
---------- 013138
P 272047Z MAR 75
FM SECSTATE WASHDC
TO AMEMBASSY LISBON PRIORITY

UNCLAS STATE 069684

E.O. 11652:N/A
TAGS:PFOR, PO
SUBJECT: PORTUGUESE SITUATION - NOON PRESS BRIEFING

Q'S AND A'S BELOW ARE EXCERPTS FROM MARCH 27 NOON PRESS BRIEFING TRANSCRIPT RE PORTUGUESE SITUATION. MESSAGE ALSO CONTAINS ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE PREPARED FOR BUT NOT USED AT BRIEFING. IT WAS SUBSEQUENTLY DRAWN ON IN RESPONDING INDIVIDUAL PRESS INQUIRIES.

-- BRIEFING EXCERPTS

QUOTE: Q: CAN YOU CONFIRM THAT THE UNITED STATES OR THE STATE DEPARTMENT HAS SENT A MESSAGE TO THE MILITARY LEADERSHIP IN PORTUGAL REGARDING THE LEFTWARD TURN IN THE GOVERNMENT THERE?

A: THERE WAS NO MESSAGE SENT TO THE PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT. I HAD A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS ON THIS YESTERDAY AND TOLD SOME OF YOU THIS. AMBASSADOR CARLUCCI SAW THE PRESIDENT OF PORTUGAL THE NIGHT BEFORE -- THE DAY BEFORE LAST -- I THINK IT WAS IN THE EARLY EVENING -- AND HE EXPRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT MANY OF THE SAME CONCERNS THAT THE
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 STATE 069684

SECRETARY EXPRESSED YESTERDAY IN HIS PRESS CONFERENCE.

Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 05 JUL 2006

Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 05 JUL 2006

BUT THIS BUSINESS OF A MESSAGE, A WRITTEN MESSAGE, OR

ANYTHING LIKE THAT -- THAT DID NOT HAPPEN.

Q: IS THAT VISIT TO MR. COSTA GOMES IN COORDINATION WITH ANY OTHER COUNTRY OR COUNTRIES? WAS IT DONE UNILATERALLY BY THIS COUNTRY?

A: AS FAR AS I KNOW, IT WAS DONE UNILATERALLY BY US. OBVIOUSLY, AS THE SECRETARY, I THINK, INDICATED YESTERDAY, WE ARE IN TOUCH WITH ALL OF OUR NATO ALLIES IN BRUSSELS. BUT, AS FAR AS I KNOW, THERE WAS NO COORDINATED APPROACH, OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT. HE DID THIS ON INSTRUCTION FROM THE STATE DEPARTMENT.

Q: I GOT A STRONG IMPRESSION FROM WHAT THE SECRETARY SAID THAT THERE WOULD BE CONSULTATIONS TOWARDS SETTING A DATE ON TALKING ABOUT THE PORTUGAL SITUATION. IS THAT CORRECT?

A: YES. WE ARE IN CONSTANT -- THE PERMANENT REPRESENT-ATIVES IN BRUSSELS HAVE BEEN DISCUSSING THE PORTUGUESE SITUATION. BUT, AS YOU VERY RIGHTLY SAY, THE SECRETARY POINTED OUT YESTERDAY IN HIS PRESS CONFERENCE, I BELIEVE, THAT THERE WILL BE ELECTIONS IN PORTUGAL NEXT MONTH. AND WE WILL BE AWAITING THE OUTCOME OF THESE ELECTIONS, OBVIOUSLY.

Q: IS GENERAL HAIG'S VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES IN ANY CONNECTION WITH THE PORTUGUESE SITUATION IN GENERAL?

A: I AM UNWARE THAT THAT IS THE REASON FOR HIS VISIT. I SEEM TO HAVE READ A NEWS REPORT SOME PLACE BY A SPOKESMAN -- MAYBE IT WAS A SACEUR SPOKESMAN, OR SOME SPOKESMAN, NOT OURS -- WHICH SAID THAT THE SUPREME COMMANDER OF ALLIED FORCES IN EUROPE VISITS THE VARIOUS NATO CAPITALS ONCE A YEAR, AND THAT IS WHY HE IS HERE. UNQUOTE

-- ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 03 STATE 069684

Q: DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENT ON A REPORT OUT OF LISBON THAT THE CIA WAS BEHIND A RECENTLY ANNOUNCED EFFORT TO OVERTHROW THE GOVERNMENT?

A: WE HAVE SAID THIS BEFORE, BUT LET ME SAY IT AGAIN IN THE STRONGEST POSSIBLE TERMS, THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS PLAYED NO PART WHATSOEVER IN ANY EFFORT, FROM ANY QUARTER,

Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 05 JUL 2006

Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 05 JUL 2006

TO UNDERMINE THE GOVERNMENT OF PORTUGAL. I HAVE

PREVIOUSLY CATEGORICALLY DENIED THAT THE UNITED STATES WAS IN ANY WAY CONNECTED WITH THE COUP ATTEMPT OF MARCH 11, AND I DO SO AGAIN.

SPECIFICALLY, LET ME SAY THAT THE REPORT CONTAINED YESTERDAY IN A LISBON NEWSPAPER THAT AMBASSADOR CARLUCCI WAS SOMEHOW CONNECTED WITH A SO-CALLED PROTUGUESE LIBERATION ARMY ARE ABSOLUTELY FALSE AND DEFAMATORY.

ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE, AS WELL AS EXCERPTS,CAN BE ATTRIBUTED TO DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN. KISSINGER

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 05 JUL 2006

# Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X
**Capture Date:** 01 JAN 1994
**Channel Indicators:** n/a
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED
**Concepts:** POLITICAL SITUATION, PRESS CONFERENCES
**Control Number:** n/a
**Copy:** SINGLE
**Draft Date:** 27 MAR 1975
**Decaption Date:** 01 JAN 1960
**Decaption Note:**
**Disposition Action:** n/a
**Disposition Approved on Date:**
**Disposition Authority:** n/a
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a
**Disposition Comment:**
**Disposition Date:** 01 JAN 1960
**Disposition Event:**
**Disposition History:** n/a
**Disposition Reason:**
**Disposition Remarks:**
**Document Number:** 1975STATE069684
**Document Source:** CORE
**Document Unique ID:** 00
**Drafter:** WJGEHRON:SS
**Enclosure:** n/a
**Executive Order:** N/A
**Errors:** N/A
**Film Number:** D750108-0014
**From:** STATE
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a
**Image Path:**
**ISecure:** 1
**Legacy Key:** link1975/newtext/t1975038/aaaaahhx.tel
**Line Count:** 128
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
**Office:** ORIGIN EUR
**Original Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a
**Page Count:** 3
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a
**Previous Classification:** n/a
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a
**Reference:** n/a
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED
**Review Authority:** hartledg
**Review Comment:** n/a
**Review Content Flags:**
**Review Date:** 20 JUN 2003
**Review Event:**
**Review Exemptions:** n/a
**Review History:** RELEASED <20 JUN 2003 by RuthemTJ>; APPROVED <02 MAR 2004 by hartledg>
**Review Markings:**

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
05 JUL 2006

**Review Media Identifier:**
**Review Referrals:** n/a
**Review Release Date:** n/a
**Review Release Event:** n/a
**Review Transfer Date:**
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a
**Secure:** OPEN
**Status:** NATIVE
**Subject:** PORTUGUESE SITUATION - NOON PRESS BRIEFING Q'S AND A'S BELOW ARE EXCERPTS FROM MARCH 27 NOON PRESS
**TAGS:** PFOR, PO
**To:** LISBON
**Type:** TE
**Markings:** Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 05 JUL 2006